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the bomb alert in French plane

VA, April 26 (R)—An airliner bound for the Middle East in emergency stop at Geneva today after a threat to blow it up. Passengers were hurried from the plane, and a regular flight from Paris to Beirut, as was scheduled, was delayed at an isolated corner of the airport. But after hours aboard the plane, a bomb squad said they found no explosives. The alert began moments after AF 144 took off from Paris with 140 passengers and 12 crew members. A man rang the airport switchboard and said there was a bomb aboard, Air France officials in Paris said. The pilot was told by radio to put down at the nearest airport and he landed seven after a 47-minute flight. Paris officials said they did not know the plane would leave for Beirut on morning.

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Arab protest over treaty continues Sadat, Weizman discuss Sinai handover details

CAIRO, April 26 (R)—Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat today discussed details of the Sinai handover, not the land itself. The problem was eventually resolved by Egypt agreeing to write a letter to Israel asserting that the word "inhabitants" was part of the letter. Mr. Weizman, asked whether he and Mr. Sadat discussed ways to resolve the Palestinian problem in their talks today, said: "No, nothing." He later left Israel for Alexandria where he will spend the rest of the day touring archaeological monuments. Meanwhile, protests from the Arab World over the peace treaty continued with Lebanon and Bahrain today joining six other moderate Arab countries in breaking diplomatic and political relations with Egypt following the signing of the accord one month ago. A spokesman for the Bahrain foreign ministry said he hoped the measure, which conformed with sanctions decreed by Arab foreign and economy ministers in Baghdad last month, would be temporary. The official Gulf News Agency quoted the Bahrain spokesman as saying that the Pakistan embassy

in Cairo had been asked to look after Bahrain's interests in Egypt. The state-run Beirut Radio quoted a Lebanese foreign ministry spokesman as saying the decision to sever relations with Egypt was taken at a cabinet meeting yesterday. The spokesman said Lebanon's charge d'affaires in Cairo called on Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali today and conveyed the decision to him. In Jeddah, Al Madina newspaper quoted Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta as saying in an interview that his country would break off relations with Egypt at the end of this month. Mr. Boucetta denied that Morocco had any prior knowledge of President Sadat's visit to occupied Jerusalem in November 1977. Morocco was one of the three Arab countries which supported President Sadat's visit. In Kuala Lumpur, the foreign ministry said today Malaysia had agreed to represent Kuwait's interests in Egypt. Egypt retaliated by breaking relations with Bahrain, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. The only Arab countries which have supported Egypt so far are Oman and Sudan.

Regional Briefs

KATMANDU, April 26 (R)—Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan arrives here today on his first visit to the Himalayan city. Mr. Dayan, who will be in Nepal's capital of Katmandu for five days, will have an audience with King Birendra. He is scheduled to hold talks with Nepalese Prime Minister Kirtan Bista who is also his country's foreign minister. Nepal has amiable relations with Israel and has consistently supported it since it has received modest economic and military aid from the Jewish state. It has recently moved to balance this by accepting a loan from the International Development Bank (IDB) to finance the construction of a dam on the Rapti river. **ISRAEL, April 26 (R)**—Agha Shabi, Pakistan's adviser on arms, left yesterday for a two-day official visit to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He will be accompanied by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal. His visit is Pakistan's first contact with its major Middle Eastern ally since the United States cut off about \$85 million in aid to Pakistan this month following reports that it was building an atomic plant capable of producing nuclear weapons-grade material. A Pakistan foreign office spokesman said the talks will include Pakistan's withdrawal from the Central Treaty Organisation (CENTO) and next steps in the implementation of the Egyptian-Israeli peace pact. **PAKISTAN, April 26 (R)**—The director general of Pakistan's foreign affairs ministry has been instructed to return to the United States and postpone a Latin American visit in favour of normalising relations with Egypt, a ministry spokesman said today. The purpose of the change was to enable Pakistan to deal with a reorganisation of the foreign ministry as a result of normal relations with Egypt after yesterday's signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. **EGYPT, April 26 (R)**—The director general of the foreign affairs ministry has been instructed to return to the United States and postpone a Latin American visit in favour of normalising relations with Egypt, a ministry spokesman said today. The purpose of the change was to enable Pakistan to deal with a reorganisation of the foreign ministry as a result of normal relations with Egypt after yesterday's signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. **EGYPT, April 26 (R)**—The director general of the foreign affairs ministry has been instructed to return to the United States and postpone a Latin American visit in favour of normalising relations with Egypt, a ministry spokesman said today. The purpose of the change was to enable Pakistan to deal with a reorganisation of the foreign ministry as a result of normal relations with Egypt after yesterday's signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Jewish settlers seize building in Hebron

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 26 (R)—A group of Jewish settlers from the Kiryat Arba Jewish suburb of the Arab town of Hebron on the occupied West Bank today seized an old building in the centre of the Arab town. There was no immediate reaction from the military authorities. The building served as a medical centre for the Jewish community of Hebron until 1929, when the Jewish residents were abandoned their homes after over 30 of them were killed by Arab rioters. Spokesmen for the Kiryat Arba quarter said their action followed a government decision not to implement earlier plans to add some 500 houses for Jewish settlers on a hill near the Jewish suburb. The government rescinded its earlier plan on the orders of the high court of justice, which ruled in favour of the Hebron municipal council on an appeal against the housing project. The Kiryat Arba residents said in pamphlets issued today that the building stoppage was the first step in Jewish withdrawal from the West Bank, to which they strongly object.

Ceausescu urges return to Geneva

ISMAILIA, Egypt, April 26 (R)—Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, a proponent of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, has called for a new Middle East peace conference in Geneva with Palestinian participation. He made the suggestion in talks with President Sadat of Egypt. The joint statement, quoted by the Egyptian official Middle East News Agency (MENA) after a short visit yesterday by the Romanian President on his way home from an African tour, said President Sadat had promised to study the suggestion with interest. The communique said that in his talks here, President Ceausescu "pointed to the importance of holding a peace conference in Geneva with the participation of the Palestinian representatives to complete the achievement of peace in the Middle East," a reference to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty whose instruments of ratification were exchanged in Sinai yesterday. The Romanian President was in effect calling for the United Nations-sponsored Middle East peace conference which was jointly chaired by the United States and the Soviet Union -- as demanded by Arab opponents of the Egyptian-Israeli pact. The Geneva peace conference last met in 1973 following the Arab-Israeli war. Syria failed to attend because it made its participation conditional on the presence of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), a condition rejected by Israel and the United States. The idea of the conference was dropped when the Egyptians and the Israelis started their direct talks following Mr. Sadat's trip to occupied Jerusalem in November 1977. Egypt is now set on direct talks with Israel on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank of Jordan and Gaza. A reconvening of the Geneva conference might help President Sadat break out of his virtual isolation in the Arab World but this would not be possible before agreement is reached on who is to represent the Palestinians, the issue which led to the original deadlock.

Begin nominates Carter for Nobel Peace Prize

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 26 (R)—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin today proposed to the Norwegian parliament that the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize be awarded to President Carter for his part in bringing about the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. In a letter he sent to the committee of the Norwegian parliament he said: "By everything I know to be true I am convinced that there is no man in the world more deserving of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize than the President of the United States of America, Mr. Jimmy Carter." Mr. Begin informed President Carter of his move in a letter sent today in response to the American leader's congratulations for yesterday's exchange of ratification documents between Israel and Egypt. In his letter, Mr. Begin said: "May I say that yesterday was indeed a great, historic day for Egypt and Israel. We brought into effect the peace treaty. This achievement is first and foremost the result of your permanent efforts during the arduous process at Camp David, in Washington, in Cairo and in Jerusalem. You are the architect of the edifice of peace in the Middle East for which Egypt and Israel laid the cornerstone." Mr. Begin then revealed the content of his letter to the committee of the Norwegian parliament which selects the winner of the peace prize. Mr. Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize.

Ethnic Arabs in Iran demand local autonomy

TEHRAN, April 26 (R)—Ethnic Arabs in Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province renewed their demands today for local autonomy, but said they were willing to leave the critically important oil industry there in the hands of the central government. Mehdi Shobeiri, a leading member of an Arab delegation currently holding talks with Mr. Bazargan's provisional government in Tehran, said their concept of autonomy would leave defence, foreign policy and long-term economic policies to the central government. "The oil industry would be left to the central government but we demand a larger share of the country's income to be devoted to the socio-economic development of Khuzestan province," Shobeiri told the news conference. Khuzestan borders Iraq and stretches to the Arabian Gulf. Shobeiri said the delegation planned to go to the holy city of Qum to present its case for autonomy to Iran's national religious leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. He said there are between 2.5 million to 3 million Iranian Arabs in Khuzestan. Shobeiri said several independent socio-political groups were active presently in Khuzestan. A special committee was preparing the ground for holding a national congress of Iranian Arabs. On the question of language, Shobeiri said almost all residents of villages across the southern reaches of Khuzestan province speak Arabic and know very little Persian. "Even in the cities of Khuzestan about 60 per cent of the people speak Arabic and we demand that Arabic be recognised as a legitimate language in which the Arabs of Iran could communicate," he added. Shobeiri said all the Arabs in Khuzestan regard Ayatollah Mohammad Taher Al Shobeiri Khatami as their leader. If the Ayatollah's threat of leaving Iran because of disenchantment with arbitrary actions of some Islamic revolutionary committees and conduct of several revolutionary courts is carried out, the people of Khuzestan "would be very distressed and they certainly would take the appropriate decision," he did not elaborate. Meanwhile the Iranian army was today reported pushing towards the western border with Iraq, apparently with the aim of recapturing military strongpoints controlled by Kurdish guerrillas since last February's revolution. A spokesman for the Kurds' main political organisation, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), said the army was using helicopters to attack Kurdish positions in hillside villages in support of the troops. The KDP, which has estimated that at least 500 people have died in the last week of fighting in northwestern Iran, tonight accused the army of throwing tanks and gunships on the side of the Turkish-speaking Azerbaijanis with whom the Kurds are virtually at war in the region. Kurdish revolutionary committees have been virtually running key army bases near the western frontier since the revolution in which thousands of weapons fell into the hands of Kurdish guerrillas, lending military muscle to the Kurds' long-

Unofficial truce halts four-day fighting

Fragile peace returns to Southern Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 26 (Agencies)—A fragile peace returned to southern Lebanon today after an unofficial ceasefire halted four days of fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinian commandos.

Palestinian and left-wing radio stations reported an exchange of artillery fire in the volatile border region, but senior Palestinian and United Nations officials said they were not aware of any serious clashes. The truce which was arranged by local U.N. officers took effect late last night, a few hours before the U.N. Security Council was due to consider the deteriorating situation. The Lebanese government called for the emergency meeting of the council yesterday as Israeli gunners continued to pound Palestinian refugee camps and rural villages over a wide area of the south. An estimated 30 people were killed and more than 100 wounded during the four days of Israeli air, naval and artillery bombardments which followed a Palestinian commando raid in northern Israel last Sunday. The fighting had threatened to develop into a wider conflict when Syria sent jet fighters into Lebanese airspace yesterday to provide cover for Syrian troops who form the bulk of an Arab League peacekeeping force here. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has made no statement on the ceasefire so far, but Palestinian officials told Reuters it would not affect commando operations inside Israel. As the big guns fell silent, attention turned to political efforts to break the circle of violence which has fragmented the border region into a complicated patchwork of rival military strongholds. The security council is expected to focus on the plight of a 6,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping force (UNIFIL) trapped between the warring parties in the latest fighting. The force arrived a year ago to supervise a withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces and assist the Lebanese government to restore its long-lost authority in the area, but it has been resisted by Israeli-backed rightist militiamen who control a belt of territory along the border. The militias have blockaded the UNIFIL headquarters in the southern coastal village of Naqurah, and senior diplomatic sources here said the security council meeting was not likely to break the deadlock. Israel has ignored previous U.N. appeals to suspend its powerful military support to the rightists, and the UNIFIL mandate does not provide for offensive action to take over the militia strongholds. In Damascus, Syrian president Hafez Al Assad said today the Lebanese army should rout the Israeli-backed rightist renegades who proclaimed a "Free Lebanon" state in southern areas bordering Israel a week ago. "The Lebanese army has to go south in force," President Assad said in an interview with Radio Monte Carlo and the Paris-based Arabic language independent magazine Al Moustakbal. "Lebanese regulars can easily beat Haddad's militiamen but if Israel intervenes, then the truth will appear naked. Israel will appear to the whole world to have annexed part of Lebanon," he added.

Security Council offers new support to Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (R)—The Security Council today offered new support for the Lebanese government's efforts to assert its authority throughout the country but avoided mention of any Israeli role in the recent strife. The council, in a statement read out by its president, Ole Algaard of Norway, called for strict respect for the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognised boundaries. Lebanon requested the council meeting following Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's report last week on the limited success of efforts by the U.N. force in southern Lebanon, UNIFIL, to achieve its objectives. These were mainly to help the central government reestablish control over the south. UNIFIL headquarters in Naqurah have been ringed by Israeli-backed militiamen who have taken control of a strip of land along the Israeli border. No mention was made in the council of Israeli raids against Palestinian targets in Lebanon. Ghassan Tuani, the chief delegate of Lebanon, did not ask to address the 15-nation body. There was no debate on the presidential statement, the text of which was approved in prior private consultations. This said that if, for any reason, UNIFIL were to be evicted, a highly dangerous and volatile situation would arise in the area. Mr. Algaard said council members shared the views expressed by Dr. Waldheim about what should be done towards full implementation of its objectives and emphasised the importance of deploying UNIFIL in all parts of southern Lebanon. Members considered that the continuation of those efforts called for in council resolutions on Lebanon ultimately should lead to the return of the Lebanese government's effective authority over all its territory. Alluding to the recent strife in which UNIFIL troops were killed and injured, the council agreed to meet without delay to consider the situation following any recurrence. The Israeli ambassador Yehuda Blum claimed after the council adjourned that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was responsible for Lebanon's problems, because it had set up "a state within a state," particularly in the south.

Giscard, Brezhnev start disarmament talks

MOSCOW, April 26 (R)—French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing starts today with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev talks which are expected to deal largely with east-west detente and disarmament. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing arrived here this evening for his fourth meeting with Mr. Brezhnev since becoming French president in 1974. French officials said international problems, particularly the development of detente and disarmament, would be under discussion as well as bilateral issues. East-west detente, at its height with the U.S.-Soviet rapprochement under President Richard Nixon, is of particular interest to France, which was the main western supporter of moves leading to the 1975 Helsinki European security accord. But, in the four years since the agreement, much of the enthusiasm for detente has gone and a follow-up conference in Belgrade last ended unconvincingly. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's visit comes mid-way between the Belgrade meeting and another conference to review progress to be held in Madrid. The two sides were expected to sign a joint declaration entitled "programme for the development of cooperation in the interest of detente and peace." French officials said. One major topic on which the two countries do not see eye to eye is disarmament. Mr. Gromyko said that the Soviet Union would like all nuclear powers to join Strategic Arms Limitation

Waldheim in Hanoi for Indochina talks

HANOI, April 26 (R)—United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim arrived in Hanoi today for a three-day visit and talks with Vietnamese government leaders on the situation in Indochina and the plight of Indochinese refugees. He was welcomed by Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh and a military guard of honour when his plane landed 15 minutes late on a flight from Kuala Lumpur. Dr. Waldheim, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth, is on the second leg of a 10-nation Asian tour. Dr. Waldheim's talks today and tomorrow are expected to include the border war earlier this year between China and Vietnam, the situation in Kampuchea (Cambodia) and the plight of Vietnamese refugees. He is also expected to discuss the possibility of holding a conference on Indochina, raised earlier this year by former Kampuchean ruler Prince Norodom Sihanouk when he went to the United Nations in New York as a representative of Kampuchea's peking-backed government.

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Back to Geneva?

IN MAKING his separate peace with Israel, President Sadat of Egypt has stolen the march on all the other Arab peace efforts which have been gaining momentum over the years—particularly as Israel's position has become more and more untenable due to its continued occupation and suppression of Palestinian Arabs and its expansion of permanent settlements in the occupied territories.

Now, however, President Sadat has managed, even on the day after Egypt and Israel ratified their separate peace, to endorse a timely and welcome proposal from Romania's President Ceausescu that the Geneva Middle East conference should be resumed with Palestinian participation.

Mr. Ceausescu is a man of great influence in these matters and has played a vital role in the past in keeping the peace momentum alive. His suggestion for a reconvening of Geneva accords with the view of Arab states like Jordan, whose bargaining positions have been undercut as a result of the U.S.-inspired Camp David initiative, and who are being portrayed by those who support the Camp David approach as "obstacles" to a peace settlement. His Majesty King Hussein has said many times recently that the momentum for peace must not be allowed to wind down, and that fresh international initiatives, including a reconvened Geneva conference, should be tried again.

It is rather opportunistic, to say the least, for Mr. Sadat now to jump on the bandwagon that he has done so much to disable. We'd like to remind him that he cannot have it both ways. That, in fact, is the lesson which his reckless diplomacy has forced other states involved in this issue to learn the hard way. It has, in fact, been a salutary lesson, with positive results, for us—a coming together of the Arab confrontation states in a new spirit of resolution not to allow the hope of peace to slip away by way of a phoney settlement which neutralises one arm of the struggle and seeks to tie the other arm behind our backs.

Previous attempts at Geneva have foundered on the question of the Palestinians. Egypt's present diplomacy is founded on a deliberate sidestepping of the same Palestinian question. Israel's present strategy, fulfilment of which it finds in the terms it has been able to sell to the U.S. and Egypt, is never to deal with that question at all. Those are the realities now confronting us. It is foolish for Mr. Sadat to pretend otherwise.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

IN ITS EDITORIAL Thursday AL RA'I attacks Israel for escalating its military operations in south Lebanon, and says that the exchange of instruments of ratification of Egyptian-Israeli treaty has given Israel the green light to attack Lebanon, Jordan and Syria.

The paper calls on these countries to coordinate their positions, and mobilise their potential to face the coming phase of "war-peace."

The paper further urges the Arabs not to regard the Security Council as their "wailing wall", as this council, the paper continues, has so far failed to put an end to the tragedy of south Lebanon.

In conclusion the paper advises the Arabs to start building up their strength as an alternative to resorting to the Security Council for solutions to their problems.

AL DUSTOUR attacks the Israeli defence minister's statements in Cairo calling on the Palestinians to lay down their arms and start negotiating a settlement with Israel.

By making such statements, the paper believes, Mr. Ezer Weizman is trying to appear as an innocent calling for peace while his hands are stained with Arab blood.

Israel, the paper says, wants a solution whereby the Palestinians will recognise Israeli sovereignty over their own lands. Israel, the paper continues, knows that this form of capitulation is unacceptable to the Arabs and the Palestinians.

Describing Mr. Weizman's statements in Cairo as an attempt on the part of Israel to brainwash the Egyptian people, the paper affirms that the Israeli manoeuvres will soon be exposed and the Egyptians people will reject them.

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Crucial meeting on Maqarin Dam opens in Chicago

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, April 26 — A meeting to discuss the detailed investigation and design study of the Maqarin Dam is being held this week in Chicago. Attending the meeting, which starts today and lasts until May 2, are representatives of the Jordan Valley Authority, the World Bank, the Reviewing Consultants Board and the consultants for the feasibility study, Harzeh Overseas Engineering Co. of Chicago.

All field data collected on site will be evaluated and details of the final design should be released next month.

The four representatives of the JVA attending are: President of the JVA, Omar A. Dokhgan; Senior Vice President, Dr. Munther Haddadin; Vice Pres-

ident for the River Basin Department, Zafer Budeiri; Project Manager for Maqarin Dam, Zafer Alem.

The Reviewing Consultants Board consists of two dam engineers from France and one each from Switzerland, Britain and the United States.

The World Bank is representing the donors for the Maqarin Dam and the Jordan Valley Irrigation System Stage 2. The Arab Fund, the Kuwaiti Fund, the Saudi Fund, KFW (West Germany), USAID and the British government will be funding the project totalling more than JD 200 million, although the donors will not decide on the amounts to be committed to the project until after the World Bank has submitted a report to them. Final decisions are expected by September of this year and construction of the dam will start sometime next year.

Committee studies medical expenses

By Joyce Abou Jassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN—Medical expenses have always been a problem for people, which fact probably gave birth to this anecdote.

A poor bedouin and his pregnant wife had walked all the way to town but before they arrived at their destination the woman went into labour and could go no farther. Desperately her husband glanced around them in hope of finding help. He noticed that they were in front of a very expensive-looking private hospital. He rushed his wife into the hospital and in a short while she delivered a fine baby boy. The new father left the hospital in a happy mood.

The next day the bedouin returned to take his wife and new baby home, but to his consternation, the doctor presented him with a bill for JD 150, a sum far beyond his means. After a few moments' thought the frown on his face changed to a broad smile. He turned to the doctor, clasped him warmly by the hand and said, "Congratulations, doctor. The woman and the baby are yours. I'm going to get a new bride for JD 50."

Not everyone can use this method to rid himself of medical

expenses, so the Ministry of Health and the Jordan Medical Association have formed a joint committee to compare the standard of living index in Jordan with the current fees charged for office appointments, house calls, laboratory work, x-rays, rates for operations and hospital fees.

If this committee finds rates unduly high, they will be adjusted downward. Or prices could go up as other costs do.

Whichever direction they take, from then on they will be fixed at a certain limited level, a price control for pills and pills so to speak, so that the average citizen of Jordan will have an approximate idea of what to expect when faced with an illness or emergency within the family.

If he then cannot afford private care, he may turn to the government hospitals that include: the King Hussein Medical Centre, the University of Jordan Hospital, and Basheer Hospital Complex.

"Currently, persons with a monthly income of less than JD 40 are entitled to free treatment in the government hospitals," stated Dr. Hassan Khrais, recently retired president of the Jordan Medical Association, "but the medical fees adjustments have not been finally settled as yet."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A 'biased investigation'

Dear Editor,

Ron Cathell's article on ACS as printed in the Jordan Times on Sunday, April 22, begins with the bias that the ACS school board members wear the black hats in these controversial matters. Cathell's reporting is shallow journalism or, at its best, biased investigation.

His reporting that the school board misdirected the "capital assessment fee" fund is a serious charge. I am not a personal supporter of school board decisions to charge this fee, but I am definitely 100 per cent aware that the capital assessment fee was for future building needs and not for staff changes. And I did not have access to any information other than that which was available to all parents. Cathell should not have settled for anything less than the full and correct information on such an important matter.

Cathell reported that "120 parents had responded to the invitation" from the group of five called "concerned parents of the ACS organisation." To what invitation? Are these 120 parents actually 120 individuals or indeed 120 families out of the 170 families of ACS students as Cathell would lead us to believe? There is a significant difference!

If the questions are highly emotional as mentioned in the article, then presenting partial and biased information only feeds the fire.

David T. Osborne
P.O. Box 2238 - Jabal Amman
April 22, 1979

Sincerely,

EDITOR'S REPLY: Ron Cathell's story did not at any point state that the ACS school board "misdirected" the capital assessment fee, but merely reported two contradictory understandings, uncovered in the course of our investigation, about the use of the money. Also, it should be clear that the response of "120 parents" to the invitation to attend the forthcoming general meeting meant 120 sets of parents, out of the total 170 sets of parents with children in the school, since wives and husbands can be presumed to respond jointly. We would only add that Mr. Cathell's "shallow" reporting in fact required three weeks of prodding and prying information out of many people, during which time his primary concern was to present all points of view on an issue charged with emotionalism.

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Graves found in Jarash

JARASH, April 26 (J.T.) — A cave containing several ancient graves has been discovered in the heart of Jarash during construction work of a sewer system. Upon instructions from the district governor and a representative of the Department of Antiquities work on the sewer has temporarily been halted to allow for excavation work inside the cave which is almost 16 square metres in area.

Appointment of envoys approved

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA) — A Royal decree was issued here today approving the cabinet's appointment of Hisham Shawwa as non-resident ambassador plenipotentiary to Malta and Saleman Dajani as non-resident ambassador plenipotentiary to Portugal.

Coming & Going

Business delegation leaves for Switzerland

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA) — A delegation of Jordanian businessmen left for Switzerland today on a nine-day visit for talks with Swiss officials and businessmen. The talks aim at setting up joint industrial projects and the exchange of expertise in the industrial field, president of the Amman Chamber of Industry and member of the delegation Ali Dajani said in a statement before departure. Mr. Dajani said that while in Switzerland he will tour a number of Swiss factories.

Public Works minister returns from Baghdad

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA) — Minister of Public Works Sa'id Bino returned here today at the end of a five-day visit to Iraq. He had held talks with the Iraqi Minister of Housing and Construction on Jordanian-Iraqi cooperation in engineering, construction and transport; and reviewed progress in the construction of a highway linking the two countries. The highway, partly financed by the Iraqi government, will be completed in March next year and will mainly serve the transportation of Iraqi imports arriving at Aqaba, the minister said in a statement.

Lebanese scout delegation arrives

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA) — A delegation of Lebanese scouts and guides arrived here today for a five-day visit to Jordan. The delegation will be touring archaeological and tourist sites and will meet representatives of the Jordanian scout movement.

RSS prepares survey on remittances from abroad

By Ron Cathell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 26 — It's no secret that Jordan's greatest single source of revenue is remittances from its citizens working abroad, particularly in the Gulf. But what remains unknown is the size of these remittances, by what means the money comes into Jordan and how it is spent. To answer these questions, the Royal Scientific Society is preparing a survey on the subject so the country's economists can better cope with inflation and direct the cash flow.

One of the major aims of this survey, which is the first of its kind, is to provide information that can be used to encourage the recipients of the remittances to invest in small-scale, export oriented industries instead of urban real estate or businesses abroad.

"We hope the survey will help to find ways and means to channel

these remittances into small industry," Mr. Mohammad Smadi, team leader of the RSS survey, told the Jordan Times recently.

Now that the centre pieces of Jordan's industrial development plans—the phosphate mines, cement factory and potash complex—are either expanding or about to start production, the next stage of the country's development can begin—private, small-scale industry. And remittances appear to be one of the greatest potential sources of investment revenue.

From the estimated 300,000 Jordanians working in the Gulf, JD 140 million in remittances funneled into Jordan last year through recorded channels like bank accounts or money exchangers, according to Central Bank statistics just released. Estimates of remittances coming into the country through un-recorded channels—cash in envelopes carried by hand, in the form of U.S. dollars or European currencies

and returns from Jordan investment remittances from 30 per cent to 200 per cent of the above figure of JD 140 million.

The survey is expected to be completed within eight months, including a full audit of the data. It will cover only checking 6,000 bank accounts, divided into six strata: low income earners, urban and suburban families living in the 1967 Palestinian refugee camps around the capital. Included in the survey is drawn up to far as money received. Then accounts must be opened into Jordanian banks or currency? How? How? replying to the survey in various ways.

Garbage truck fleet to upgrade Syrian sanitation

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS — The summer season usually heightens the risk of cholera and other communicable diseases in Syria but 1979 promises to be a healthier year thanks to the arrival this month of a shipment of Mack garbage compactor trucks.

To date, 146 of 182 Mack trucks have arrived as part of a United States Agency for International Development commodity loan to Syria. The order also includes 18 mechanised street sweepers and 1,000 garbage containers made especially for the trucks' collection mechanisms.

The equipment will be distributed throughout Syria with Damascus receiving 75 16-cubic-yard capacity trucks and 15 20-cubic-yard trucks. Other cities receiving 16-cubic-yard trucks will be Aleppo, 50 trucks; Homs, 12; Latakia, nine; and Tartous, Idlib and Deir Ez-Zer will each receive seven trucks.

Cubic yards may not signify much to the layman, but the 16-cubic-yard trucks are capable of compressing 6,000 tons of garbage during a collection route of eight to ten miles serving up to 16,000 persons. The larger 20-cubic yard trucks will compress up to seven-and-a-half tons on a collection route accommodating 20,000 persons, explained Wolfgang von Spieglfeld, supply management officer of USAID.

Each 16-cubic-yard truck does the work of two-and-a-half of the garbage trucks formerly in operation in Syria. These were 39 Fiat, 15 Leach and 10 Sita packer trucks which served the above mentioned cities.

Mack agents accompanied the shipments and are now conducting training sessions for drivers and mechanics. Additional collection containers will be manufactured in Syria.



Garbage collection takes place from the rear end of the truck which at the top picks up specially made containers and then compressed by three hydraulic pistons.



Examining the first arrival of Mack garbage compactors (front row from left) Dennis Chandler, acting director of the USAID; Farouk Issac, U.S. Ambassador; Tahar Saeed, Nabulsi, Vice Minister of Local Affairs; and Dr. Moustaf Hitar.

The remaining units in the order are due to arrive before the end of April when the expanded system of garbage collection will go into operation in six cities of Syria.

The trucks do not require organic or organic matter since it is packed for distribution in designated landfill areas.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by the fine arts students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open during regular hours.

Russian Film

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a film about Shokolov entitled "They Fought for Their Country" at 4:00 p.m.

Theatre

A play by Graziella Urso and Roberto Voltman entitled "Beggar's 79" is showing at the College de la Salle theatre on Jabal Hussein at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the theatre.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy by Pascal Jardin and Claude Sautet entitled "L'age ingrat" at 7:30 p.m.

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Invitation for Prequalification of Consultants

Yarmouk University announces its intention to acquire the services of a competent international consulting firm to prepare the final design and tender documents and to supervise the construction of the first of campus development which consists of:

I. Buildings of the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Medical Sciences, the 600-bed University hospital, and the buildings for the Social Services. The total roofed area approximates 845,000 sq. metres.

II. Infrastructure works for the campus including the main sewerage network, streets and roads, telecommunications, electricity, potable water and a sewage treatment plant the output of which is to be used for non-drinking purposes.

A master plan has been adopted for the campus and the above works are an integral part of said master plan.

The university seeks to prequalify interested national consulting firms and/or joint ventures and therefore invites those firms and/or joint ventures with experience in similar work to submit their qualification data for this purpose to:

Chairman
Central Tender Committee - Yarmouk University
P.O. Box 20184
Amman, Jordan
Tel: 1498 YARMOUK JO

The terminal date for submission of qualification data is 12:00 noon local time on Saturday, May 4, 1979. The consultant is requested to complete form special questionnaire provided by the Yarmouk University Tender Committee, which is available at the mentioned address to be collected by interested firms. The prequalified firms will be provided later. request for proposal and the master plan of campus will be requested to submit a technical proposal.

الصحف الأردنية المستقلة اليومية السياسية التي تصدرها مؤسسة الصحافة الأردنية

Jordan Weekly Calendar

COLUMN is a weekly listing, without charge, of events in Amman and other parts of Jordan which the public is interested in knowing about or participating in. Each Friday edition of this paper, the listing covers seven starting from Friday morning and ending the following evening. Events included are cultural activities (concerts, art exhibits, etc.); cultural centre films, cine club films, festivals, video-tape programmes and documentaries; excursions; sports; special occasion festivals; etc. Excursions of historical or archaeological interest; etc. club activities that are open to the public or are not to exclusive membership.

Events listed in Jordan Weekly Calendar will also be listed in "What's Going On" on the day of the event. This listing is out charge.

Interested in having their events listed in this column are requested to contact the Jordan Times, or send descriptive (preferably by hand), during the previous week until at noon. Photographs and art work are also welcome.

(Week of April 27 - May 3)

EXHIBITIONS

JING: The French Cultural Centre is displaying maps of geographical measuring equipment. The exhibit has been by the Jordan National Geographic Centre in co-operation with the French Mapping Group. The exhibit can be seen during regular hours until April 30.

Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of art and artwork by the fine arts students of the Centre for Fine Arts. The exhibit is at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Education and Youth, until April 30.

April 30: The Goethe Institute presents an exhibit of paintings by German school children at the Haya Art Centre. This exhibit is sponsored by the German artist Ruth and is on the themes of child and environment, child and adult and book. The exhibition opens at 4:00 p.m. and until May 5, open daily during regular hours.

THEATRE

April 27: An amateur theatre production, entitled "79", written by Graziella Urso and Roberto Voltman, performed at the College de la Salle theatre on Jabal Mar. The play is locally produced. Tickets are at the theatre.

April 28: The London Shakespeare Group is giving performance in Amman at 8:00 p.m. at the Jordan his performance includes scenes from modern plays by Brook, David Hare, John Osborne, James Saunders, and Noel Coward. Free tickets to reserve seats are at the British Council.

FILMS

April 27: The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy by Pascal Jardin and Claude Sautet entitled "L'Age de la folie" starring Marie Dubois, Fernandel, Jean Gabin, Fernandel and Noel Roquevert, and is in black and white, version with Arabic subtitles. Repeats are on Saturday and all performances start at 7:30 p.m.

Soviet Cultural Centre, the second showing of "They and their Country" is at 4:00 p.m.

May 1: The Goethe Institute presents a three-day film festival at the Haya Arts Centre. The first film is "The Flying Classroom." It is in German with Arabic subtitles. The second film, showing on WEDNESDAY, May 2, is "In Search of Lutz" and is in English. The last film is a day showing on THURSDAY, May 3, and is entitled "Moritz". All performances begin at 4:00 p.m.

EXCURSION

April 29: The Friends of Archaeology are going on a trip to tour the architectural conservation project being at there. Mr. Paul Power, who is working on that project, the tour. The Jett bus charter will be at the Dept. of Education at 6:45 a.m. for a 7:00 a.m. departure. The JD 5 fare collected by the driver. All those going on this trip are to bring food and drinking water along.

SPORTS

April 27: Several handball matches are taking place at the Youth City at 10:30 a.m. between teams from various schools. The finals are in the afternoon. The matches are held in the handball court. At 3:30 p.m. on field numbers 5, 11 match takes place between the Civil Defence team and Youth Club team.

How vulnerable are Amman's buildings to quakes?

By Ron Cathell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 26 -- If Amman were ever to find itself at the centre of a medium-strength earthquake, the results "could be disastrous," according to a local expert on quake resistant structures.

Most of the buildings in Amman are multi-storey and are built of steel reinforced concrete and masonry and supported on columns. Often only the upper floors are for residential use. This type of structure is one of the most vulnerable in the event of an earthquake. Mr. Hilal Ararat, a lecturer in structural steel design at the University of Jordan, told the Jordan Times today.

Asked what would happen in Amman if an earthquake with a magnitude of six on the Richter scale were to strike, he said: "It could be disastrous, although a six point quake is considered medium sized."

In the event of a major earthquake whose epicentre is relatively far from Amman, the shock waves could still register as a medium-sized quake here.

During his graduate studies at Stanford University in California, Mr. Ararat specialised in the design of quake resistant structures. He received his masters degree from Stanford and has seven years experience in structural design and as a consultant, mostly for Ralph M. Parsons and Company in California. Among his previous positions, Mr. Ararat was general director of projects in Jordan's Ministry of Supply.

The poorest quake resistant design is that of a very heavy multi-storey building supported by columns without any "shear walls" or structural reinforcing walls around the base. "And that represents a major percentage of the buildings existing and being built in Amman," he said.

Basically, the behaviour of a structure during a quake is a vibration problem. Seismic ground motions cause a structure to vibrate, and deformations in building materials are caused by these vibrations. The duration of these forces also determines the degree of damage incurred.

Damage can be classified in three categories: structural failure, or collapse; structural cracks, which can be mended; and simply cosmetic damage to the exterior.

Mr. Ararat said: "The vulnerability of buildings in Amman to collapse is, unfortunately, great. The reason is because most construction here is made with concrete and masonry which are heavy and cause a large lateral load (stress caused by sideways motion) in a quake."

He explained that although concrete and masonry have tremendous strength for vertical loads--they have a structural weakness in supporting this weight when jolted sideways, as during an earthquake. The reason for this weakness is because these materials are not ductile, or flexible. They are very brittle. When they absorb their maximum stress, they break.

In the Middle East, generally, multi-storey structures have this weakness because they are supported by columns, at least along one side of the building, and often there is no shear wall to resist the lateral force of an earthquake.

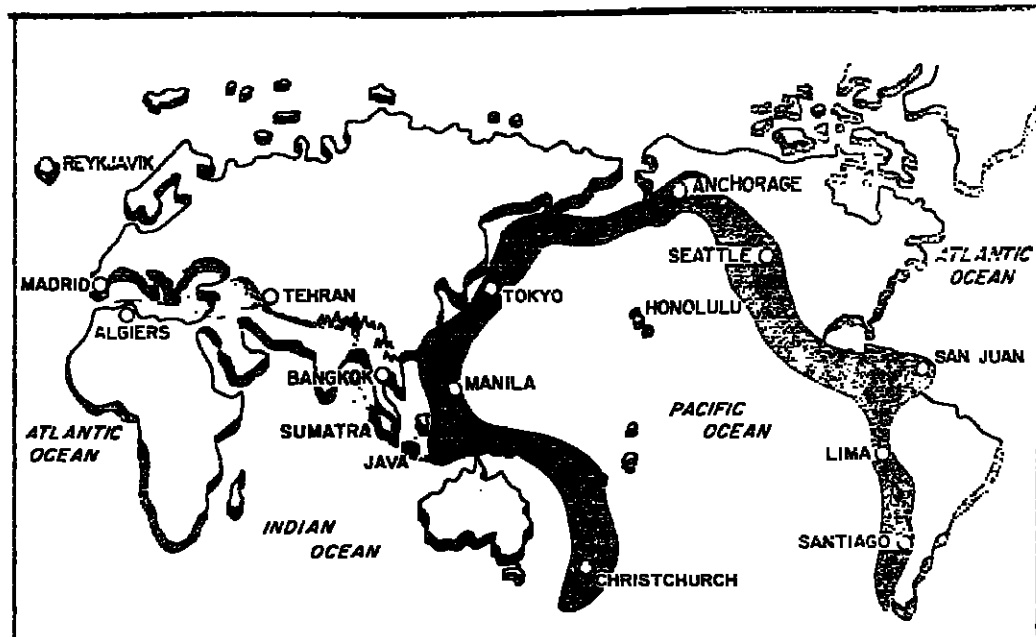
"I have seen new buildings under construction consisting of three or more stories which are

extremely vulnerable and could spell disaster in a strong enough quake," he said.

"You can definitely compensate for this weakness by providing enough structural elements that will withstand the shear load, or lateral load, foreseen for a certain size quake," he said. "But it is a matter of economics, with whatever kind of materials you use. Economics dictate the least expensive design for what the client wants. It is very difficult to convince a client to invest a little more into a better design, especially when he doesn't appreciate the danger of an earthquake because of the infrequency of their occurrence. The result: structures non-resistant to quakes."

The problem can be adequately relieved by the addition of shear walls around the base of the building, Mr. Ararat explained.

It is a conclusion that for most single-storey buildings, which includes many houses in Amman, there is very little danger of the roof or walls caving in during a quake of medium strength. Such structures are not supporting immense weight. Support is provided by steel reinforced concrete walls which are much more resistant to lateral force than columns are. However, any single-storey dwellings which are built of brick do pose a slight danger because ground vibrations during a quake tend to break the cohesion between bricks if the quake is of long



The circum-Pacific seismic belt (dark shaded area) follows the edge of the Pacific Ocean basin. It is along this belt that 80 per cent of the world's earthquakes take place. The Alpine belt (light shaded area) extends from Java to Sumatra, through the

Himalayas, the Mediterranean, and out into the Atlantic. Seventeen per cent of the world's earthquakes strike along this belt. The remaining three per cent of the world's earthquakes strike along the mid-Atlantic Ridge and elsewhere throughout the world.

duration. The best building material to use for a quake resistant structure is steel, Mr. Ararat said, "because of its ductile nature: it can flex or bend without breaking. Steel can deflect, or be deformed, without breaking and still support weight."

Having lived in earthquake-

active California for 11 years, Mr. Ararat is very familiar with the safest reaction to a quake. Normally, he would advise people to stay in their homes, or whatever building they happen to be in, and stand under a door frame or arched passageway away from large furniture. "But considering

the situation in Amman, the best thing is to run cautiously to an empty lot or vacant field to get away from falling debris," he said. Besides the danger of being caught in a collapsing building, masonry falling from structures poses a great threat because it can scatter over a large area.

Mapping exhibition displays modern techniques

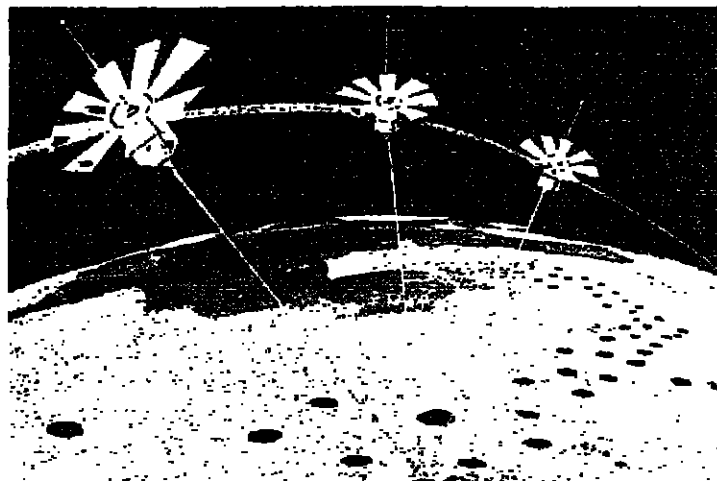


Illustration showing satellites used in spatial geodesy. Geodesy is a branch of applied mathematics that determines the exact positions of points and the figures and areas of large portions of the earth's surface, the shape and size of the earth and the variations of terrestrial gravity and magnetism. Such satellites are being used to plot the geodetic network of Jordan by the French Mapping Group.

By Sara O'Neil
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 26--Currently on display at the French Cultural Centre is an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment which is of considerable interest but which may not have attracted much attention from the general public due to its rather technical nature.

However the exhibition, organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre (JNGC) and the French Mapping Group, which is on contract with the Jordanian government and is training local technicians, is well worth a visit if one can manage to get there before the exhibition ends on Monday.

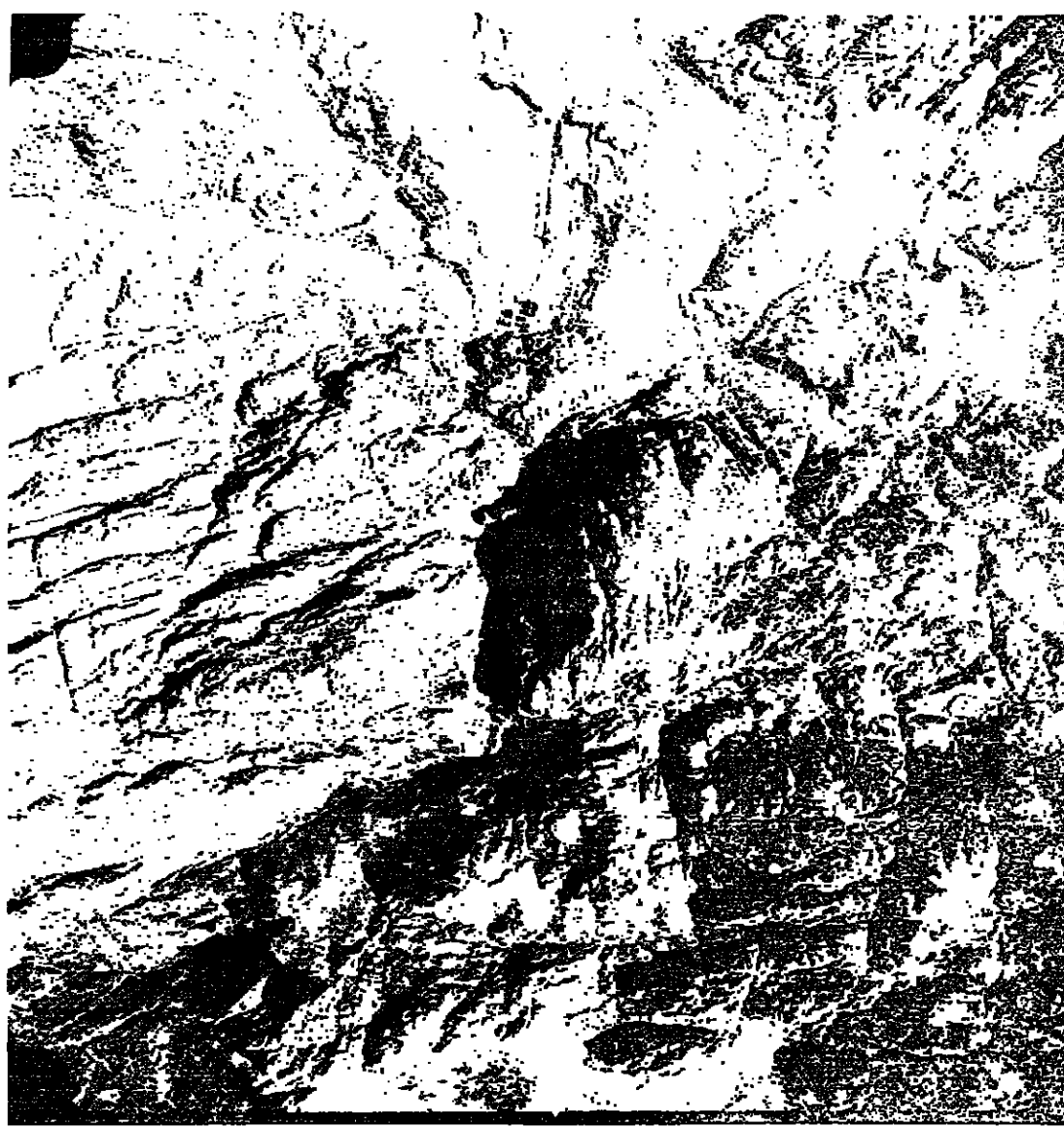
Of immediate interest to the layman are the superb aerial photographs, including one of Petra, and other exhibits not specifically related to Jordan such as two maps of the visible and hidden faces of the moon and a map of the ocean floors.

One panel is devoted to explaining the very important use of satellites for aerial photography. Two satellites, Landsats 1 and 2, which have so far photographed the equivalent of 40 times the surface

of the earth, are invaluable for geologists, since a mosaic of photographs can be built up of even the most inaccessible areas on earth.

The basic aim of the exhibition, however, is to explain the achievements of the French Mapping Group in Jordan, which, in cooperation with the Jordan National Geographic Centre, is developing a training centre in Zarqa. The French Mapping Group, (an amalgamation of the "Institut Geographique National" and the "Compagnie Francaise d'Etude et de Topographie") is one contract for five years, from 1976 to 1980, during which time they are training about 100 engineers and senior technicians in France and 150 technicians in Jordan, who attend a two year course at Zarqa.

The three groups of students are field technicians (three is one girl so far in this group), cartographers (all female) and lastly those learning printing and photography. Their progress, as one can see, has been quite remarkable in such a short time. Examples of the girls' work include the first map drawn at the centre in 1977 of the village of Mubiss just north of Baqa'. Also in the students' section is



Aerial photograph of Petra.

an Aerodrome Obstruction Chart, of which the Director of the JNGC, Lt. Col. Rif'at Al Majali is particularly proud, since the students did all the field work. Topographic instruments used at the training centre are among the instruments on display.

The French Mapping Group has been contracted to produce a map of the town of Amman as well as maps of over 200 villages and to plot the geodetic network of Jordan. For the latter project transit

satellites (U.S. Navy) are being used for the first time in Jordan. Exactly how maps are prepared is graphically explained with panels showing in detail the different methods of topography from the simple old fashioned way of drawing in the field (nowadays only used for mapping small areas) to the sophisticated and extremely expensive numeric photogrammetric method in which an automatic drawing table is used to plot a map of any scale from

magnetic tapes.

Finally the new science of orthophotography is explained. No drawing is involved in the preparation of these maps since photographs are superimposed on one another to form one large photograph or orthophotomap. A beautiful orthophotomap of Karak is on display. Karak being one of the ten towns in Jordan mapped by the group using such a method. Other towns include Irbid, Mafray and Aqaba.

IMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
roleum Co.	JD 5,000	504	6,730	6,750	6,730
ment Factories	JD 10,000	4,266	14,210	14,250	14,250
osphate Mines	JD 1,000	2,299	2,200	2,240	2,220
bank	JD 1,000	121	1,160	1,170	1,160
wait Bank	JD 1,000	2,616	1,500	—	1,500
lf Bank	JD 1,000	867	1,010	1,020	1,020
va Development and	JD 1,000	1,083	2,580	—	2,580
t Co.	JD 1,000	930	0,930	0,940	0,930
lining Co.	JD 1,000	811	1,400	1,410	1,400
lectricity Co.	JD 1,000	89	0,880	—	0,890
nium Co.	JD 1,000	46	—	0,980	0,930
l Cardboard Factories	JD 10,000	50	10,000	10,080	10,100
es Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	20,740	7,350	7,400	7,400
nk	JD 5,000	80	7,850	8,100	8,000
tional Bank	JD 10,000	1,800	90,000	—	90,000
k	JD 5,000	985	—	6,950	6,950
man Bank	JD 1,000	750	—	—	1,500
ian Insurance & Reinsuring Co.	JD 1,000	—	—	—	—
ernational Investment & Trade Co.	JD 5,000	1,200	—	3,650	3,650
ernational Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	552	0,690	0,700	0,690
inning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	335	—	0,690	0,670
wners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	2,700	—	5,550	5,400
velopment and Investment Co.	JD 2,000	1,464	1,150	1,350	1,200

Time traded, Thursday, April 26: JD 44,288
Number of shares traded: 13,267

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	JD 5,000	200	40	1980	5,020
	JD 5,000	608	118	1982	5,160
Time traded: JD 1,822	JD 5,000	1,014	200	1983	5,070
Number of bonds traded: 358					

UNRWA field day celebrates Year of the Child

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 26 -- Two hundred and twenty brownies and girl guides from ten UNRWA schools held their International Year of the Child festivities at the Amman Training Centre near Na'ur this evening.

The evening's activities began in the playing fields behind the training centre at 5 p.m. when the girls, all decked out in uniform beige and brown dresses, white knee-length socks and blue pumps, held a kind of jamboree including marching and singing--not always in step but certainly always full of enthusiasm.

Watching the activities were a large group of parents, educators and physically handicapped children who had been specially invited from government hospitals in Amman.

Although most of the games were specifically for the girl guides, four boys in wheelchairs organised themselves into a wheelchair race and, to make it more exciting, went on the two

large back wheels only. The games included relay races and musical chairs and one--for the six-year old brownies--had them running around trying to burst the balloons tied to the ankles of the other participants.

When the sun went down the whole troupe moved indoors to

the training centre theatre where each of the ten schools presented a play, poem, song or dance. One song on the subject of the Palestinian problem had something to say about President Sadat of Egypt and the Camp David peace accord.

That was well received.

Attending today's festivities were the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Field Education Officer, Mr. Ibrahim Maslamani, and UNRWA area officer, Mr. Kamel Haboub.

UNRWA officials in Amman planned this event as part of a

series of field days and variety shows for all the UNRWA schools in zones 1 and 2 both inside and outside the city of Amman to be held throughout this year of the child. Schools that do not get their turn to present something before the summer holidays will continue in the new term in September.



A girl scout bearing the Jordanian flag starts the celebrations for International Year of the Child at the Amman training centre Thursday evening.



Physically handicapped children gave the loudest applause as they watched others show off their athletic prowess at the field day. (Photos by Youssef Allan)

Malmoe, Nottingham Forest win matches

COLOGNE, April 26 (R) — Two moments of magic from Tommy Hansson and Ian Bowyer sent Sweden's Malmoe and English champions Nottingham Forest through to the final of the European Cup last night. The history of the 23-year-old soccer competition, Europe's richest club prize, has been littered with thrill-

ing encounters, and the two semifinal clashes were packed with excitement and tension. Forest, held to a 3-3 draw in Nottingham two weeks ago, were expected to be swept aside by a Cologne side roared forward by 60,000 West German fans.

But the English team, who knocked out the holders Liverpool in the opening round, refused to bend, with Bowyer snatching the vital goal in the 65th minute. It was a dramatic evening for Bowyer who had stepped in as a late replacement for injured Scottish international Archie Gemmill. Hansson's winning goal three minutes after half time was enough to give the unheralded Swedish champions a 1-0 aggregate victory over Austria Wien.

Australians beat Dutch in hockey match

PERTH, Australia, April 26 (AP) — A goal two minutes before the final whistle helped Australia defeat the Netherlands 4-3 Thursday in the World Hockey Championships. The win put Australia at the top of the five teams in Group A, with a match against the runner-up in Group B Saturday to decide the finalists.

The Netherlands, runners up in Group A, will meet Pakistan, current world champion and Group B winner, in the other semifinal Saturday. Hero of the Australian victory was second half substitute Steve Smith who scored the winning goal two minutes from time to establish Australian supremacy in the Group A round-robin competition which also involved India, Canada and France.

It was the first loss for The Netherlands side after confident victories over India, France and Canada but it still has hopes of reaching the finals. It was the fourth successive victory for Australia, holders of the Olympic Silver Medal.

In other matches, India beat Canada 7-3. In Group B, Britain beat Kenya 9-0 and Pakistan beat New Zealand 5-1.



Baseball Standings

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	11	4	.735	2
New York	10	7	.580	—
Baltimore	10	8	.556	2½
Detroit	6	5	.545	3
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	4
Toronto	6	11	.353	6
Cleveland	5	10	.330	6

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	12	6	.667	—
Texas	10	5	.667	½
Minnesota	10	6	.625	1
Kansas City	8	8	.500	3
Chicago	7	10	.412	4½
Oakland	6	12	.333	6
Seattle	5	13	.278	7

Wednesday's games

Minnesota 4, Cleveland 2.
Detroit at Milwaukee, postponed, rain.
Texas 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings.
Kansas City 7, Chicago 6.
Baltimore 5, California 2.

Oakland 1, New York 0
Boston 4, Seattle 1.

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	11	4	.733	—
Montreal	10	5	.667	1
Chicago	7	6	.538	3
St. Louis	8	7	.533	3
New York	6	8	.429	4½
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	5½

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	12	5	.706	—
Cincinnati	9	9	.500	3½
San Francisco	9	10	.474	4
San Diego	8	11	.421	5
Los Angeles	8	12	.400	5½
Atlanta	5	12	.294	7

Wednesday's games

Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2, 11 innings.
Montreal 9, San Diego 6.
Chicago 4, Houston 0.
Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 4.
St. Louis at Atlanta, postponed, rain.
New York 2, San Francisco 0.

Argentina defeats Bulgaria

BUENOS AIRES, April 26 (R) — World champions Argentina beat Bulgaria 2-1 in a friendly soccer match here last night. Rene Housenau eluded three defenders to score in the third minute but Bulgaria's Hristo Bonev equalised seven minutes later with a free kick which completely eluded keeper Ubaldo Filol. Captain Daniel Passarella sealed victory with a 59th minute penalty, but Argentina, playing with less than half the team that beat Holland 3-1 in the World Cup final last June, did not produce the performance expected of them.

Hungary tops N. Korea in table tennis

PYONGYANG, April 26 (R) — The North Korean men's team, back in major table tennis for the first time in several years, crashed 5-1 to Hungary on the opening day of the 35th world championships here today. The early Swaythling Cup clash was

important for assessing the North Korean potential in the men's team tournament although their women have remained a major force on the world scene during the men's absence.

In the opening games for the Corbillion women's team cup, the North Koreans predictably defeated Bulgaria 3-0, the Soviet Union beat Yugoslavia 3-1, and England scored a narrow 3-2 triumph over West Germany. The United States men's team, playing in the top group at the Swaythling Cup for the first time, received a heavier than expected 5-1 hammering by West Germany.

Soviet champion leads chess tourney

MONTREAL, April 26 (R) — World champion Antoly Karpov of the Soviet Union defeated Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman yesterday to move back into the lead of the \$110,000 World Challenge Cup Chess Tournament. Karpov's compatriot, former world champion Mikhail Tal, fell into second place after his game against Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia was adjourned. Lajos Portisch of Hungary drew with Ljubomir Ljubejevic of Yugoslavia, Bent Larsen of Denmark drew with Robert Huebner of West Germany, and the other game, between Russian Boris Spassky and Lubomir Kavalek, was adjourned.

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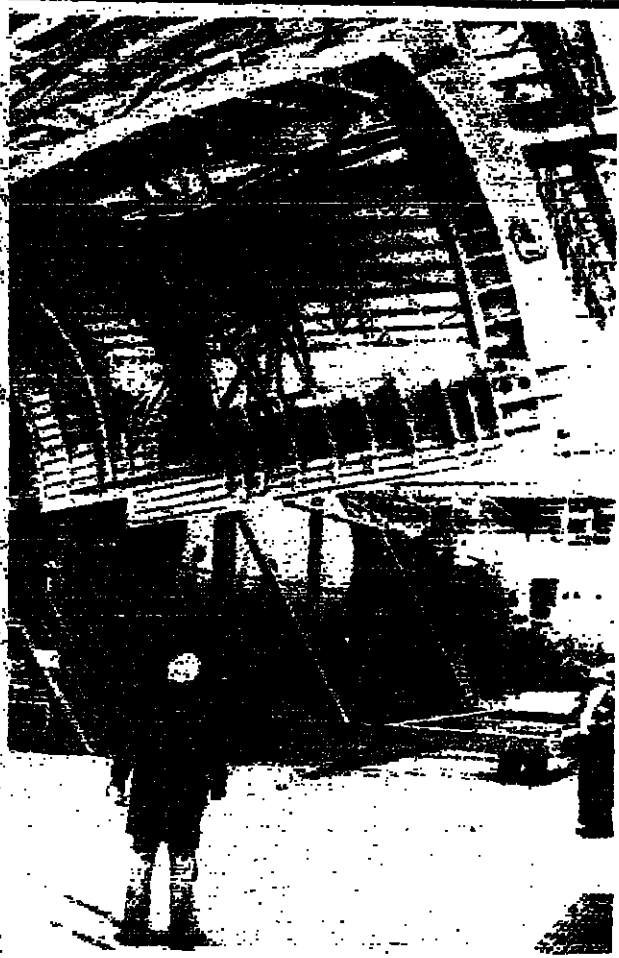
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Soaring sales for Airbus

BREMEN--Europe's Airbus is becoming increasingly popular and finding more and more buyers. The order books of the countries jointly building this plane--France, West Germany and the United Kingdom--are filling rapidly, which means more and more jobs. Sixty-five Airbuses are already in service throughout the world and are highly praised by both passengers and pilots. There are almost 200 firm orders for this version and about 100 for the smaller A-310. Including options, there is a demand for at least 400 airbuses. Order 83 is an unusual one: for an A-300 which can be converted into a cargo plane in the space of a mere 24 hours. The picture shows work on this plane in Bremen. It will make its maiden flight in 1980. (DaD photo)

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THE Daily Crossword by Jack L. Steinhardt

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Daily Horoscope not received

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HARLES H. GOREN
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BY Chicago Tribune

est vulnerable. East
ORTH
KQ743
AQ962
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Q9
EAST
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KJ3
AK1095
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that his hand merited going to game. West led his low diamond, East won the king and shifted to the three of clubs. Declarer saw no problem. East "couldn't" hold both the king and jack of hearts as well as the ace-king of diamonds, so two heart finesses should ensure no more than one loser in each side unit.

To protect against the possibility that East's club was a singleton, declarer went up with the ace. He drew three rounds of trumps, ending in his hand, and ran the ten of hearts. East won the jack and exited with a club to West's king. West returned a diamond, and declarer eventually lost a heart to East's king for down one.

While it was unlikely that East held both heart honors, declarer could have over-estimated that possibility as the cards lie. After winning the ace of clubs and drawing trumps, declarer should ruff a diamond in dummy and then concede a trick to the king of clubs. East is now stripped of all safe exit cards. When declarer takes a heart finesse, East can win—but he is end played. A heart return will be into the ace-queen, and a diamond return will permit declarer to discard his losing heart from his hand while ruffing in dummy. Either way, declarer's spade game will come rolling home.

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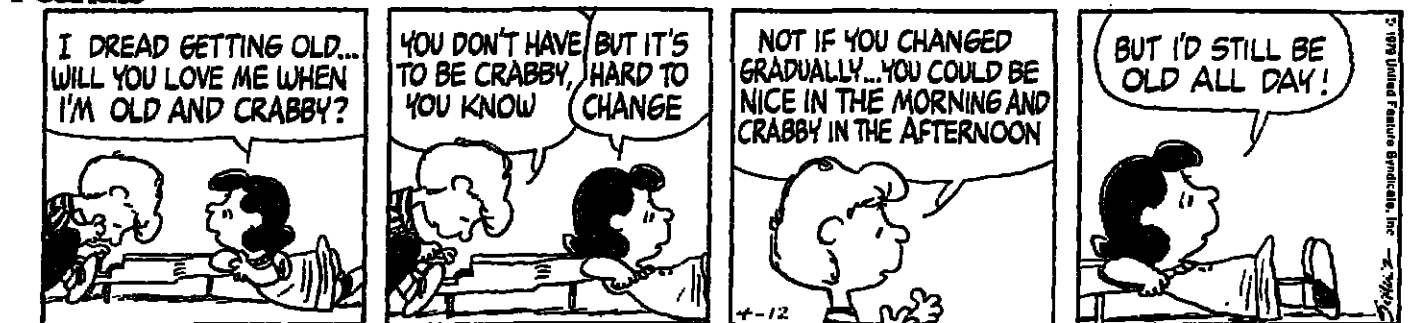
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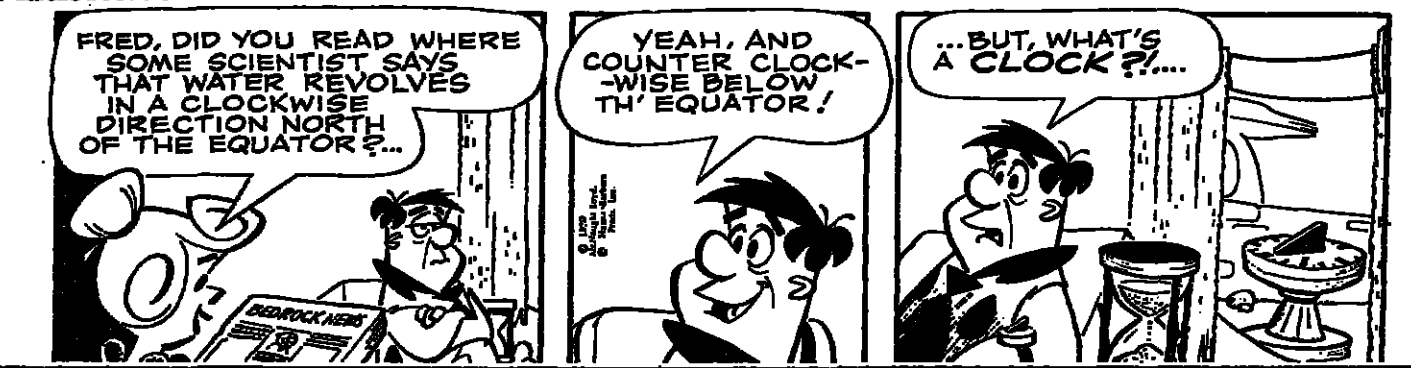
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04:30 Letter from London; Play Choice
04:45 Financial News; Reflections
05:00 News; 24 Hours
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05:45 World Today
06:00 Newswatch; Press Review
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07:00 News; 24 Hours
07:30 Sarah Ward
07:45 Merchant Navy
08:00 News; Reflections
09:00 News; Press Review
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09:30 Financial News
09:40 Look Ahead
09:45 Music Now
10:15 Merchant Navy
11:00 News; News about Britain
11:15 In the Mesopotamian
11:25 Utter Newsletter
11:30 Anything Goes
12:00 Radio Newswatch
12:15 Ballot Today
12:45 Sports Round-up
13:00 News; 24 Hours
13:30 Radio Theatre
14:15 Letterbox
14:30 Medical Mystery Tour
15:00 Radio Newswatch
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16:00 News; Commentary
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16:45 World Today
17:00 News; The Week in Wales
17:15 Music Now
17:30 Sports Round-up
18:00 News; News about Britain
18:15 Radio Newswatch
18:30 Music and the March of History
19:00 Outlook
19:30 Stock Market Report
19:45 About Britain
20:00 News; 24 Hours
20:30 Science in Action
21:00 Network U.K.
21:15 Sarah and Company
21:45 Letter from London; Play Choice
22:00 News; World Today
22:30 Financial News
22:35 The Week in Wales; Reflections
22:45 Sports Round-up
23:00 News; Commentary

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT
03:30 The Breakfast Show
06:30 News, pop music, features, letters, questions
17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analysis
17:30 Dardiche
18:00 Special English: news, feature "The Living Earth"
18:30 Country Music USA
19:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analysis
19:30 VOA Magazine: America, science, culture, letters
20:00 Special English: news
20:15 Minute USA (Jazz)
21:30 VOA World Report
22:00 News, Correspondents' report, background features, media comment, analysis

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10:00 Qwara
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14:15 Arabic comedy
16:15 Soccer
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18:45 Arabic programme
19:10 Religious programme
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Arabic programme
21:00 Arabic series
22:15 Westside Medical
23:00 News in Arabic
23:20 Soccer
CHANNEL 4
18:30 French programme
19:00 News in French
19:30 News in Hebrew
20:30 Comedy
21:10 The Brothers
22:00 News in English
22:15 Oscar presentation
23:00 Rhyth

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7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning show
10:00 News Headlines
10:03 Morning show
10:30 My Kind of Music
11:00 Late news choice
12:00 News headlines
12:30 Stars unlimited
13:00 News Summary
13:03 Radiotheque
14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Music
14:30 French Music
15:00 Concert hour
16:00 News summary
16:03 Pedagogical pop
16:30 Old favourites
17:00 Jordan Weekly
17:30 Radiotheque
18:00 News summary
18:03 Faces and Places
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19:10 Music
19:30 Sign off

AMMAN AIRPORT

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Information 9597
Municipal water service 115-500

World Council of Churches: 'South Korea's economy raised by low wages, intimidation'

GENEVA, April 26 (R) — The World Council of Churches (WCC) has charged that South Korea's economic miracle was only achieved by low wages and intimidation.

A 100-page report by the WCC Commission of the Churches on International Affairs said President Park Chung-hee's regime had intensified its repression during the 12 months up to last January.

It listed 540 people it said had been victimized and cited more than 200 incidents of human rights

abuse. Employees in South Korea worked an average of 60 hours a week, often in dangerous and ill-paid jobs, but there was no free and autonomous trade union movement to improve conditions.

"Furthermore, labourers are suppressed in labour-management relations so that conflict is not resolved democratically, justly and peacefully," the commission said. "This will be one of the chief sources of social unrest."

According to the report, the Christian church has become the rallying point of South Korea's human rights movement, consequently various church leaders have been detained under the anti-communist law or other legislation used to suppress political dissent.

There were three amnesties of political prisoners during 1978, one involving prominent opposition leader Kim Dae Jung, but in fact very few detainees were freed and most of these were liable to be jailed again for the slightest provocation.

"The worsening human rights situation is in fact closely linked with a serious crisis in Korea's 'economic miracle', which in 1978 had to cope with increasing debts, dependency on foreign investment and rampant inflation," the commission director reported.

He added that the country's democratic traditions were being "stifled by a dictatorially imposed constitution and presidential decrees which outlaw all critical discussion."

Indian ascetic ends fast for ban on cow slaughter

NEW DELHI, April 26 (R) — Indian ascetic Acharya Vinoba Bhave today ended a fast he began five days ago to force a nation-wide ban on cow slaughter after Prime Minister Morarji Desai promised to amend the constitution to pave the way for it.

Mr. Desai told parliament he would table legislation to give the central government the power to ban the killing of cows, held sacred by Hindus. He said he had received reports that the condition of the 84-year-old acharya (teacher), who lives in a small hermitage in the western state of Maharashtra, was fast deteriorating.

But the prime minister's statement met with immediate opposition from the Marxist Communist Party, and a member of the Muslim League said it was "surrender to blackmail." Members of the pro-Moscow Communist Party and the Dravidian Welfare League walked out of the house.

A ban on cow slaughter is written into the Indian constitution, but it leaves it to individual states to pass the necessary legislation. While most of the country's 22 states have some sort of ban on the killing of cows, they can be slaughtered if they are unfit for work on breeding in West Bengal and Kerala, the two states at which the acharya's latest campaign is aimed. There are large minorities of Muslims in West Bengal and Christians in Kerala who eat beef.

Mr. Desai will need the support of opposition parties to push through the promised legislation, which will also have to be endorsed by at least half the state legislatures. The ruling Janata Party is in a minority in the upper house of parliament and the legislation could be effectively blocked there by the opposition.

Apart from the groups which are openly opposed to a total ban, the Congress Party of former prime minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi said today it would not commit itself on the bill at this stage.

Canada heads for showdown over future of Quebec

MONTREAL, April 26 (AP) — Final hands are being dealt in an unpredictable and perhaps dangerous poker game over the future of Quebec Province.

Premier Rene Levesque's separatist Parti Quebecois (PQ), which has governed the largely French-speaking province for the last two-and-a-half years, is increasingly confident it can win a referendum expected next fall on "sovereignty-association." That is the PQ's idea for making Quebec an independent nation while retaining free trade and other economic ties with the English-speaking provinces of Canada.

If the Liberal Party government of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is re-elected in the national election May 22, the showdown hand may come sooner. For Mr. Trudeau, although himself a French Canadian and a native of Montreal, is staunchly anti-separatist.

This bustling, cosmopolitan city on the St. Lawrence is the focus of the French-English confrontation in Quebec. Although 80 per cent of the province's six million people are French-speaking, well over a third of the 2.2 million in Montreal are English-speaking.

Much of the heat generated by their historic debate centres on the commonplace — Steinberg's supermarkets, for example.

USSR accuses U.S. correspondent of 'drunken brawling'

MOSCOW, April 26 (R) — The Moscow correspondent of an American news magazine who complained he was drugged and his wife molested in Tashkent last week was yesterday accused by the Soviet news agency Tass of "drunken brawling."

An incident involving Mr. Robin Knight, Moscow bureau chief of the weekly U.S. News and World report, was the subject of an official protest by the American Embassy to the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Knight told reporters in Moscow on Monday that he collapsed unconscious for about 12 hours after drinking a glass of vodka at a tea-house in the central Asian city on April 18. When his wife brought him back to their hotel, Soviet police tried to make her sign a statement saying her husband was drunk and disorderly, he said.

Tass news commentator Yuri Kornilov said Mr. Knight had drunk an excessive quantity of vodka. He accused Mr. Knight of insulting the waiters, breaking crockery and staining the furniture at the tea-house, and then starting a row at his hotel. Mr. Kornilov said Mr. Knight invented the "boulevard detective story" about being drugged by Soviet agents to avoid losing face.

The 35-year-old correspondent and his wife Jean, both British, are due to leave Moscow at the end of their assignment in late June. Mr. Knight's reporting has been frequently attacked in the Soviet press.

Mr. Kornilov said it was surprising that the journalist's account of what happened to him in Tashkent should have found credence with "some U.S. officials" — a reference to the U.S. Embassy protest. The Tass news agency account followed the pattern of Soviet press attacks on Western journalists and diplomats who have been involved in similar incidents in the past.

Soviet authorities also complained to the American Embassy this week about another U.S. correspondent, Peter Hann. Mr. Hann, correspondent in Moscow for Business Week, was accused of vandalizing a hotel room in Soviet Turkmenia. He denied the charge.

Mr. Knight later issued a statement saying that Mr. Kornilov's account of what happened contained nine errors of fact and was "devoid of truth." There were no waiters in the tea-house, no-one was insulted, no furniture was damaged in any way nor glassware broken and there was no brawl at the hotel, the correspondent said in reply to the Soviet charges.

Expressing surprise that a top political commentator should write about his case, Mr. Knight said in his statement: "I thought Mr. Kornilov could do better than this." He added that the British Embassy had offered to take up his case with Soviet authorities.

negotiate sovereignty-association with the rest of Canada. A poll published last month indicated 50 per cent of Quebec would vote "yes," though only 19 per cent favoured secession at any cost.

Mr. Trudeau flatly rules out negotiation. And his opponent in the current national election campaign, progressive conservative leader Joe Clark, also declared he would not negotiate the breakup of Canada.

Mr. Ungerberg, one of 15 members of the PQ's Executive Council, says if the rest of Canada rejects sovereignty-association,

Armenian group pledges to continue struggle for 'Turkish-held territory'

ATHENS, April 26 (R) — The Organisation of Armenian Youths here yesterday pledged to continue their struggle for the liberation of what they term Turkish-held Armenian territory.

In a letter to Turkish Ambassador to Greece Necdet Tezel, the organisation condemned a Turkish protest made to the Greek Government last week for alleged anti-Turkish activities by Armenians in Greece.

The protest concerned a ceremony by the Armenian com-

munity in Athens during which they unveiled a monument to mark oppression of Armenians by the Turks in the past in which they claim that 1.5 million Armenians were massacred in Asia Minor in 1915.

"The Armenian Youths (Organisation) is sure that such protests are not being accepted by people who fight for human freedom and the right of self-determination. We condemn your last protest and provocation and we assure you that such monuments will continue to be erected to remind humanity of destruction and atrocities committed by Turkey against the Armenian people," the letter, which was released to the press, said.

The letter said that no protest will become an obstacle to the just struggle of the Armenian people

for freedom and national independence.

"The Armenian youth assure you that they are determined to continue with all means their struggle for the liberation of Turkish-held Armenian territory and the final solution of the Armenian issue," the letter said.

In reply to Turkish protests, Greek Foreign Minister George Rallis replied that the Armenian ceremony for the unveiling of the monument was a private activity and anybody was free in Greece to carry out such activities.

Turkey had protested that such acts did not contribute to the creation of a climate conducive to an improvement in the strained relations between Greece and Turkey.

The two countries are at odds over Cyprus and territorial rights in the Aegean.



Boatloads of refugees

HONG KONG — Boatloads of refugees continue to pose serious problems in Hong Kong and elsewhere. Pictured are some of the 3,200 Vietnamese refugees aboard the Huey Fong. They were allowed to land in Hong Kong earlier this year. (Gamma photo)

Bomb explosion in Rhodesian capital dims Muzorewa's victory celebrations

SALISBURY, April 26 (Agencies) — A time bomb exploded in central Salisbury yesterday killing one person and casting a shadow over victory celebrations by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, newly elected as the first black prime minister of Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

Police said the bomb exploded in a suitcase in an alley behind a carpet store, blowing a black man to pieces and devastating a stockroom.

As the bomb went off, Bishop Muzorewa's supporters were celebrating his win in the country's first one-man one-vote election with a parade of buses packed with

chanting supporters.

It was the most serious bomb blast in Salisbury since one killed 11 people and wounded more than 70 at a department store in August, 1977.

The bishop declined to mingle with about 10,000 people who staged a military-style march-past at his bungalow, and his face was unusually earnest.

A number of smaller explosions were set off in the capital in March last year, after the signing of the internal agreement between Bishop Muzorewa, Prime Minister Ian Smith and two other black leaders.

It was this agreement that led to

last week's elections in which the bishop's United African National Council (UANC) swept to victory.

Senior military sources said they believed the guerrillas intended to mount a big push, particularly in urban areas, after the election.

Mr. Robert Mugabe, one of the Patriotic Front leaders based in Mozambique, promised his men would take the war into the cities this year, which he called "the year of the people's storm."

Mozambique explosion

Mr. Mugabe has accused Rhodesia of being responsible for a parcel bomb that killed two persons in the Mozambique capital of Maputo.

Mr. Mugabe, in a Radio Mozambique broadcast monitored in Johannesburg yesterday, said the "Muzorewa clique" sent the parcel. He was referring to Bishop Muzorewa.

Mr. Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) has been fighting a six-year bush war with the Rhodesian Government. ZANU calls last week's voting a sham because the small white minority are guaranteed a disproportionate share of power in the new black-led government.

Mr. Mugabe sent a letter of condolence to Mozambique President Samora Machel's government for the parcel bomb incident. He said this was "another barbarous action of the Rhodesian racists and the Muzorewa clique against innocent people."

U.S. defence secretary calls for modernisation of NATO weapon

HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, Florida, April 26 (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown has called for NATO's long-range nuclear battlefield weapons to be modernised, despite the propaganda campaigns and diplomatic moves this might provoke from Moscow.

He told a news conference at the close of a two-day meeting of NATO nuclear planners here: "The Soviet Union is against all improvements in Western military capability. They describe any such improvements as contrary to the cause of peace."

"I expect that any nuclear improvements in the long-range nuclear forces will be the subject of Soviet attack, propaganda campaigns, diplomatic representations on all levels, and so forth."

"And the more effective such improvements, be they long-range nuclear forces or anything else, the stronger I would expect the Soviet objection."

Mr. Brown and other NATO representatives at the regular nuclear planning session generally accepted that the alliance should deploy both new ballistic and Cruise missiles to counter the Soviet Union in Europe, sources at the meeting said.

A communique said the Soviet Union had continued a worrisome buildup beyond its own needs, especially with the SS-20 missile which has 4,800 kilometres — just in limit which would be permitted by the proposed SALT II treaty.

The NATO planners said the Soviet Union had the new SS-21 battlefield missile in East Germany — the sum of modernisation which intends to undertake.

The NATO nuclear group took no decisions on new programmes — it is scheduled to do so — but discussion is expected to set off for decisions at a high-level meeting in Brussels in December.

World News Briefs

Most of 200,000 Burmese Muslims repatriated

DACCA, April 26 (R) — More than two-thirds of the 200,000 Burmese Muslims who fled across the border into Bangladesh a year ago have now been repatriated to their homeland, a United Nations refugee official said today. The 11 internationally-financed camps which housed the Burmese would be closed down in the two months when the last of the refugees have left, the UN Commissioner for Refugees, field coordinator in Bangladesh Roman Kohaut, told Reuters. He said there were now a little more than 60,000 refugees in the camps and nearly 2,000 were being sent back every third day under an agreement reached in May last between the two neighbouring countries. Western donors and the East countries had contributed a total of \$27 million for the repatriation of the refugees who came across the border, changing religious caution in predominantly Buddhist Burma.

Japanese airports paralysed by wage strike

TOKYO, April 26 (R) — Striking air crews paralysed Japanese airports today in a walkout for higher pay. The 24-hour strike called only hours after transport workers cut short a planned 72 stoppage and settled for pay rises averaging 5.63 per cent, 60,000 passengers were expected to be affected by the air stoppage. The strikes are part of Japan's spring round of negotiations.

Iran sets new pay scales for civil servants

TEHRAN, April 26 (R) — Iran's new revolutionary government yesterday decided on new pay scales for government employees doubling the minimum civil service wage but slashing top salaries. Under the new scales, the minimum monthly in the civil service will be 25,000 rials (about \$360), while the minister and other senior officials will earn a maximum of 200 rials (\$2,800). Top government salaries were not announced, the Shah's regime, but the prime minister was believed to earn more than double the new maximum. Many civil servants hold two posts — a practice the new government is trying to discourage, attempt to spread the available jobs around.

U.S. withdraws last of military from Taiwan

TAIPEI, April 26 (R) — Withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Taiwan was quietly completed today with the departure of C. Hadley Thompson, chief of the U.S. military assistance group on the island. The bulk of the 150 remaining U.S. personnel left with him. The U.S. defence command, headed by Admiral James Linder, lowered the U.S. flag yesterday after signifying the end of 28 years of military presence. President announced the termination of the U.S.-Taiwan Defense Treaty at the end of this year when Peking and Washington establish diplomatic ties on Jan. 1.

Turkey begins martial law in 6 more provinces

ANKARA, April 26 (R) — Turkey's parliament yesterday passed a government decision to extend martial law to six more provinces and prolong it for a further two months in 13 others. Martial law has been in force in the 13 provinces since December. It will also be in force for the first time from today in the provinces of Adiyaman, Diyarbakir, Mardin, Siirt, Tunceli and Hakkari. Martial law was lifted last Dec. 26 after riots in which more than 100 people killed.

WCL protests May Day ban in Greece, Tur

BRUSSELS, April 26 (R) — The World Confederation of Labour (WCL), which says it has members in 80 countries, announced today that it had urged Greece and Turkey to reconsider their bans on Day demonstrations by workers. A WCL press statement said Greek action made Europe uneasy on the eve of the centenary of the Russian Revolution. "Behind the democratic and authoritative and reactionary practices continue to perpetuate colonial policy," it commented. Besides protesting to the Greek and Turkish Governments, the WCL had raised the question at 21-nation Council of Europe, of which the two countries are members.

East-West problems in Siberia

Officials in the Soviet Union are blaming the United States for delays in exploiting Siberia's vast energy resources.

By Nikki Finkle
YAKUTSK, USSR — Soviet officials in charge of exploiting Siberia's wealth of energy resources are blaming "discrimination" U.S. trade policies and "defective" American machinery for crippling delays.

The accusations were made in a series of unusually frank meetings with a group of U.S. correspondents visiting the Soviet republic of Yakutia, Siberia's frozen storehouse of coal, oil, natural gas and 88 per cent of the Soviet Union's known energy reserves.

The officials pointed to two U.S.-Soviet technology deals that were held up because of strict American licensing, and singled out several U.S. business firms for allegedly selling faulty or poorly designed industrial equipment for use in the far north.

"This does not contribute to the development of good business

relations," observed Mr. Alexander Zotaev, deputy director of Yakutia's oil and gas trust, whose 14 subsidiaries oversee Siberian development.

In response, U.S. business analysts say the Soviets may be trying to use the United States as a "scapegoat" in case they are unable to meet deadlines on several important pending contracts to sell Siberian raw materials to the West in the 1980s.

The openness with which the Russians chose to speak about their problems underlined just how dependent they are on U.S. technology to open up Siberia's energy potential, and how frustrated they feel about the political ups and downs of U.S.-Soviet trade.

So far, the Carter administration has proved reluctant to help the Soviet Union speed development of its Siberian energy

reserves.

The export of U.S. oil and gas technology remains one of the most heavily regulated items in Moscow-Washington trade, along with the sales of advanced computers. The controls grew even tighter after last summer's dissident trials, when U.S. President Jimmy Carter decided to require White House approval for each sale in order to assess its individual political and national security impact.

In many areas of oil and gas technology, U.S. firms hold a virtual monopoly. As a result, the Soviet Union seeks out Japanese equipment — such as drill bits — when it can, or else resigns itself to a long wait if U.S. goods are needed.

Siberia has been hardest hit by U.S. controls, officials say. For two summers, work on natural gas exploration in Western Yakutia was at a standstill after the U.S. Government blocked the sale of seismic crews and computers by Geosource Inc. of Houston, Texas, according to Soviet officials in charge of the project.

The seismic crews — huge tracked vehicles that search for buried deposits of natural gas — were bought because they

could traverse the swampy terrain that covers most of Siberia in summer. A computer to interpret the seismic findings was included in the deal.

The \$30 million Geosource contract was delayed 24 months after U.S. officials decided that the computer involved was too advanced to sell to the Russians. Now the deal has been approved, partly because the technology is no longer new, according to a Geosource representative reached in Moscow.

"Certain people are looking for excuses not to co-operate," said Mr. Zotaev, citing the dissident issue as an example of U.S. tactics. "And these excuses are not made by us, but by your White House."

Natural gas exploration is now a high priority item in Siberia. The Soviets have until 1980 to prove a trillion cubic metres of natural gas in western Yakutia in order to guarantee U.S. and Japanese business participation in a \$10 billion pipeline deal.

Without Western help, the Russians would have to foot the entire bill for digging out its gas reserves. U.S. business analysts say the Kremlin can't afford to go ahead on its own without some U.S., European or Japanese investment

and guaranteed sales.

At a settlement in western Yakutia where natural gas exploration is going at full steam, Soviet officials said they are still waiting for U.S. permission to purchase American-made equilibrium drilling equipment from Texas.

"Apparently, we won't be able to get it," said drilling engineer Semyon Zaitsev. The sales license already has been held up for a year, and future prospects look dim at the moment.

Meanwhile, Soviet officials are complaining that problems with U.S.-supplied machinery are delaying a \$450 million deal to start delivering five-and-a-half million tons of high-grade coal from Siberia's Nerungri mines to the Japanese by 1983.

"The project has been set back at least a year," said construction chief Yuri Zakharov. And, Western analysts say, if the Japanese don't get the coal on schedule, they'll look to other countries instead.

Work has lagged to an average of half in October, Soviet officials in Nerungri told U.S. reporters when "serious design shortcomings" were found in hydraulic powered shovels designed by Marion Power Shovel, a division

of Dresser Industries Co., Dallas, Texas.

Marion hydraulic expert Bailey, one of six Marion shovels sent to Nerungri to iron out bugs, confirmed the machine breakdowns and said his company had to have them worked out.

The ten shovels were bought by the Soviets at a cost of \$3.5 million. Now, Soviet machinery is being sent to do the job, but only one-fourth the size of the "super-front" American shovels.

Meanwhile, Nerungri's chief, Viktor Bocharov, said that 29 mining trucks sold to the Japanese by 1983, in the time because of "defective" complaints about the performance of U.S. machinery.

Soviet officials are rarely public, but it was clear that Russians were angry. The machinery had not lived up to promises.

U.S. businessmen maintain no machinery can be exported perfectly in Siberia's climate, where temperatures drop to -50 or -60 degrees Fahrenheit for most of the year. And, the Americans say, the equipment is being used in a way that is not intended. The Russians are supposed to use the equipment to mine the coal, but they are using it to mine the coal and the coal is being used to power the shovels, designed by Marion Power Shovel, a division

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